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1. MAY 26 PRAVDA CARRIES TEXT OF JOINT SOVIET-MEXICAN
COMMUNIQUE WHICH, AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN SEE, IS VIRTUALLY
IDENTICAL WITH SPANISH TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL. SINCE
DEPT. AND EMBASSY MEXICO HAVE HAD TEXT FOR SEVERAL
DAYS, WE WILL ONLY SUMMARIZE MAJOR POINTS AND THEMES
OF COMMUNIQUE AS FOLLOWS:

-- ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS IS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF "MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING."

-- CONSULAR CONVENTION AND
PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR 1978-
1979 WERE SIGNED AND "AGREEMENT WAS REACHED" ON
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ACCEPTANCE OF MEASURES TO ALLOW IN "NEAREST FUTURE"
ACHIEVEMENT OF AN "APPROPRIATE" LEVEL OF TRADE TURN-OVER
AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

-- TWO SIDES "EXCHANGED OPINIONS" ON INTERNATIONAL
QUESTIONS AND ESTABLISHED A COINCIDENCE OF VIEWS ON
"MANY" OF KEY PROBLEMS OF TODAY. AMONG THESE INTER-

NATIONAL QUESTIONS WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A) DISARMAMENT. ENDING ARMS RACE AND REDUCING ARMED FORCES AND CONVENTIONAL AS WELL AS NUCLEAR ARMS WAS SEEN AS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT AND URGENT TASKS. IDEA WAS EXPRESSED THAT A PORTION OF THE RESULTANT SAVINGS FROM SUCH MEASURES WOULD BE USED FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. "IN THIS CONNECTION," SAYS THE COMMUNIQUE, "THE MEXICAN SIDE NOTED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM." THE TWO SIDES SUPPORTED COMPLETE AND TOTAL BAN ON TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, FAVORABLY NOTED THE UN SSOD - LINKING IT TO A WDC - AND LAUDED SOVIET SIGNING OF PROTOCOL II OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. ALL L.A. COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT YET SIGNED TREATY WERE URGED TO DO SO.

B) PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. TWO SIDES AFFIRMED "EFFICACY" OF PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE WHICH, IT IS SAID, WERE REFLECTED IN UN DECLARATION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

C) AFRICA. SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA WERE PUT INTO CONTEXT OF UN DECLARATION ON COLONIALISM.

D) MIDDLE EAST. SETTLEMENT WAS SEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE
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WITH UN RESOLUTIONS AND WITH PARTICIPATION OF "REPRESENTATIVES OF ARAB, PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

E) NIEO. TWO SIDES USED BOTH SOVIET CATCH WORDS AND WESTERN PHRASEOLOGY TO REFER TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

F) NAM. TWO SIDES USED STANDARD TERMS TO DEFINE ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" BASIS OF NAM - A FAVORITE SOVIET SLOGAN.

-- TWO SIDES AGREED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD, IN THE FUTURE, CARRY OUT CONSULTATIONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. COMMENT: IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, MEXICANS DID A VERY GOOD JOB OF INCLUDING THEIR OWN POINTS IN COMMUNIQUE AND IN LIMITING SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET POINTS BY THE USE OF CAREFULLY CHOSEN LANGUAGE (E.G., ON PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN M.E. SETTLEMENT AND ON NIEO) OR BY PUTTING SOVIET LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT OF UN DECLARATIONS (E.G., ON PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AND ON ZIMBABWE AND

NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE). WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO SEE SOVIETS SIGN ON TO CALL FOR ALL L.A. NON-SIGNATORIES (I.E., CUBA) TO JOIN TLATELOLCO BAND WAGON. LAST AND LEAST, WE FIND REFERENCE TO VISIT ATMOSPHERE - "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" - TO BE RATHER COOL AND TERSE.

3. WE NOTE THAT, DESPITE EXPECTATIONS OF SOVIET-MEXICAN TALKS ON OIL TRADE AND RELATED ISSUES, AND DESPITE PRESENCE OF PEMEX DIRECTOR GENERAL IN LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ENTOURAGE, NOTHING IS SAID ON THIS SUBJECT IN COMMUNIQUE. NOR, PERHAPS NATURALLY, ARE ANY DETAILS GIVEN OF SOVIET-MEXICAN CONSULAR CONVENTION. ALL

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IN ALL, COMMUNIQUE RAISES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH WE SHALL PUT TO MEXICANS AND SOVIETS HERE AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. MATLOCK

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